GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTOXICATED PILOTS ON DUTY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of pilots taking flights under the influence of alcohol is on the increase;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such incidents occurred in the last six months as well as the number of flights delayed/cancelled due to the same;

(c) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation has taken any steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): No, Madam. There has been no incident wherein pilots have taken flight under the influence of alcohol.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 5, Series F, Part 3, issue 1 dated 13-11-2009 that explains the procedure to be followed for Pre - Flight Medical Check and Breath Analyzer test for Alcohol consumption. All crew members have to report for pre flight medical and alco tests are carried out on random basis. DGCA also carries out Surveillance Checks on Pre - flight Medical. Action is taken against pilots as per the company policy. The crew is immediately grounded as per procedures given in Operations Manual of the concerned Operator with loss of pay & allowances. In cases of repetition severe action such as termination or withdrawal of other privileges, is also taken.

(e): Does not arise.